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“generation next”



Tom Walkley '82 inside Cafe 41:11, a building he turned into a coffee shop so he could minister to local youth.



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DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

I REMEMBER my first youth pastor. I was just in junior high, but I looked up to him, his wife, and all those really cool senior high students he worked with most closely. Who knew that more than 30 years later I'd be publishing that young Cedarville grad's story in the CU magazine I now edit? Bruce McDonald '69 (*Inspire*, Fall 2006) provided my first glimpse into youth ministry.



Youth ministry has certainly changed since then, but the impact these faithful men and women have on young people hasn't. This issue of *Inspire* focuses on innovative youth ministries and some of the Cedarville alumni who are committed to them.

In addition to this issue of *Inspire*, many other things are happening in CU alumni relations. Here's a sampling of what's going on:

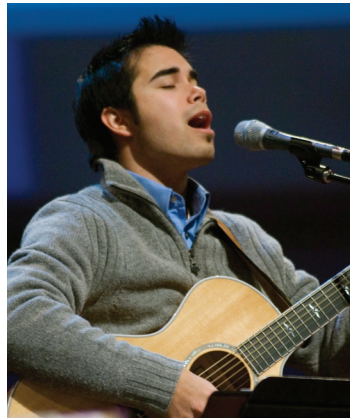
- Homecoming — with reunions for classes ending in 2 and 7 — October 5-7 (see enclosed brochure)
- Alumni surveys — thanks to all who have participated in alumni surveys this year!
- Chapter events (page 33)
- Website — share with us what you're doing, and it may become an "alumni spotlight"

Thanks for your continued interest in and support of Cedarville University. If there's anything we can do to serve you, don't hesitate to contact us at 1-800-837-2566 or alumni@cedarville.edu.

In His Service,

Faith Linn '83

Faith Linn '83
Director of Alumni Relations



CU on the Road

The following list is only a sampling of CU events on the road. For more events and information, visit www.cedarville.edu/reps. (Dates are subject to change.)

July 1

HeartSong
Clinton Township, Michigan

July 6

HeartSong
Irvona, Pennsylvania

July 7-8

The Master's Puppets
Rock Falls, Illinois

July 8

HeartSong
Des Moines, Iowa

July 8-14

The Master's Puppets
Dundee, Illinois

July 11

The Master's Puppets
Haughton, Louisiana

July 11-12

Lifeline Players
Cromwell, Kentucky

July 15-21

The Master's Puppets
Vestal, New York

July 22-28

The Master's Puppets
St. Johns, Michigan

July 28-29

The Master's Puppets
Elkhart, Indiana

July 28-29

The Master's Puppets
Kearney, Nebraska

For a list of upcoming alumni events, turn to page 33!



Lianna Jane Peters may be the youngest *Inspire* reader out there! When her parents, Keith '02 and Karin O'Connell Peters '03, told her that her aunt, Courtney O'Connell '05, was in the magazine, Lianna pored over every page trying to find her. Her proud grandma, Jane O'Connell, was there to snap the picture.



"I'M BORED," HE SAID.

I wasn't surprised. He was 14 years old and didn't have much of a family life. The television in his bedroom accessed at least 100 channels. His iPod held more than 1,000 songs. His PlayStation offered him two dozen games, and there were even more games loaded on his computer. This was all in addition, of course, to everything the Internet had to offer.

Yet he said he was bored "because there's nothing to do."

Much of modern youth culture is defined by weariness and boredom. The shallowness of relationships and the superficiality of popular culture drain current youths' spirits of life, creativity, and hope. Many are like Eustace Scrubbs, a character in C.S. Lewis's *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, who had no imagination because "he read the wrong books." Nowadays, reading *any* book is unusual for the majority of young people.

More than 90 percent of Christian youth do not believe objective truth exists. Most think that Christianity is right for them but may not be right for others. Their generation believes that each person must choose his or her own truth. They are unable to articulate the biblical worldview and remain unprepared to answer challenges to it. For these reasons, between two-thirds and three-fourths of today's Christian youth will stop attending church altogether in their twenties.

While it may sound as though I am pessimistic about today's youth, I am actually quite positive. Today's young people do not want to be patronized, can see through phony personalities, and are weary of playing games. They want to do something with their lives. They are ripe for truth. They are looking for role models.

The Bible is clear that parents are responsible for teaching spiritual discipline to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7-9), but sadly this is increasingly rare in today's society. Even in Christian families, parents may be ill equipped to offer guidance to children navigating today's postmodern world.

In the absence of stronger parental guidance, youth leaders give our children hope. Many of them fill roles that are unfilled at home. They teach youth how to love God, how to love each other, and how to serve a lost world. Youth leaders help young people find security and significance in Christ and His Word. Many youth leaders connect with families, too, teaching parents how to raise their children God's way.

And, of course, Cedarville University is working hard to provide an excellent educational experience that produces incredible youth leaders who change lives for Christ. You will read about them throughout this issue.

They are anything but boring!

Bill Brown

Dr. Bill Brown
President

Look who's hiring Cedarville grads

Abbott Laboratories	Kellogg
American Cancer Society	KPMG International
American Enterprise Institute	Kraft Foods
Athletes in Action	Latham & Watkins LLP
Ball Aerospace and	The Leadership Institute
Technologies Corp.	LexisNexis
Bayer	Lockheed Martin
BearingPoint	NASA
Boeing	Northrop Grumman
Caterpillar	The Pentagon
Chick-fil-A	PepsiCo
Children's Medical Center	PricewaterhouseCoopers
The Coca-Cola Co.	Procter & Gamble
DaimlerChrysler	The Research Council
Defense Intelligence Agency	Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co.
Defense Logistics Agency	Rolls-Royce
Delphi Duotech Services	State Farm Insurance
Dept. of Homeland Security	The Timken Co.
Dept. of the Treasury	Triton Technologies
Dow Chemical	United States House
Eagle Council	of Representatives
Eli Lilly and Co.	United States Secret Service
Ernst & Young	United States Senate
FBI	U. S. Steel
The Federal Reserve	Vanguard
Fifth Third Bank	Wells Fargo Financial
Focus on the Family	The White House
Ford Motor	Wright-Patterson A.F.B.
General Dynamics	Wyeth
General Electric	
General Mills	
General Motors	
The Heritage Foundation	
Honda	
IBM	
Indiana Pacers	
Internal Revenue Service	
JCPenney	
Johnson Controls	



... just to name a few

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“Where in the World is Cedarville?” Contest



One of Last Year's Winners

With such beautiful scenery, we couldn't help but choose this photo as the best overall last year. When Andrea McNeal '01 (right) visited college roommate Elizabeth de Boer Thirey '01 in Washington state, the Tulip Festival in Mt. Vernon seemed the perfect opportunity to take the perfect CU picture.

Share Cedarville University with the world by wearing a CU shirt on your summer vacation. Then send us a picture to enter our “Where in the World is Cedarville?” contest. There will be one winner of a \$50 CU bookstore gift certificate in each category.

Categories

- Most Adventurous
- Best Participation (*most people with CU shirts*)
- Best Family Picture
- Most Famous (*pose with a famous person*)
- Most Unusual Location
- Most Creative
- Best Overall Photo

Entries

E-mail alumni relations at:
alumni@cedarville.edu

OR

Mail your entry to:
Cedarville University, Alumni Relations
251 N. Main Street
Cedarville, OH 45314

Rules

1. Only CU alumni may enter the contest.
2. At least one CU alumnus wearing a Cedarville shirt must be in the photo.
3. Photos must be unaltered.
4. Photos submitted via e-mail must be at least 4x6 with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI.
5. Photos must be received no later than August 1, 2007.
6. Only one winner per household.
7. Photos will not be returned and may be printed in *Inspire*.
8. The prize will be awarded to the person(s) sending the photo.
9. The following information must be included with the photo: name, grad year, address, e-mail, phone, location of photo, names of people in photo.

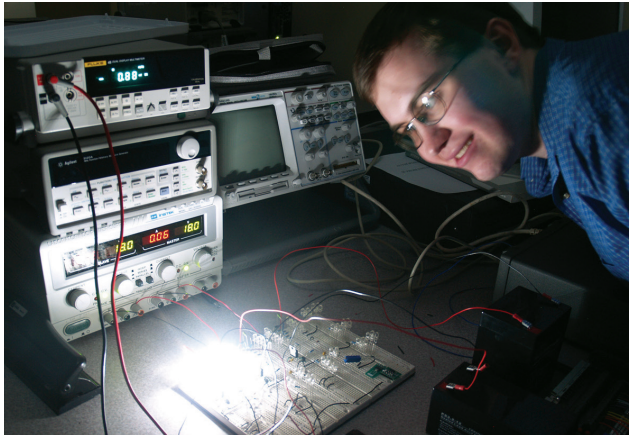
Winners receive \$50 gift certificates to Cedarville University's bookstore!

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Summer Ministries

This summer, a team of eight engineering students and two engineering professors traveled to Liberia (Africa) to use their skills to help others. Their projects included a cooling system for a power generation station, solar-powered night-lights (left), and a medical waste incinerator. The future engineers and their professors join 325 other faculty, staff, and students who are ministering abroad this summer.



Construction Underway

In May, Dr. Bill Brown (fourth from left) and University trustee representatives participated in the official groundbreaking for the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies. The 60,000 sq. ft. center, which will border Cedar Lake between Centennial Library and Maddox Hall, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008.



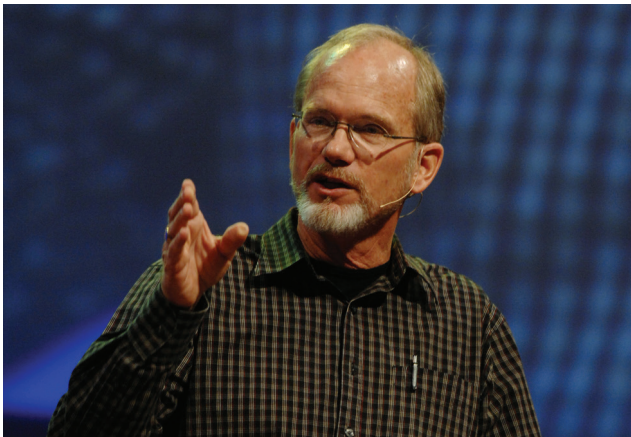
CDR Names New GM

The CDR Radio Network has named Marvin Sparks as its new general manager. Marv succeeds Paul Gathany '63, who retired after nearly 45 years of service. Marv brings a warm, gracious spirit, as well as decades of media and ministry experience, to his new position. Welcome, Marv!



Guest Conductor Hosts Workshop

World-class conductor and composer Jim Curnow treated Cedarville music students and local band directors to a special conducting and composing workshop in April. While the prolific Christian composer was on campus, he also guest-conducted the spring symphonic band and brass choir concert, which featured pieces he composed.



Spring Chapel Highlights

Cedarville chapel has always been a place where exceptional speakers exhort the University family to greater godliness and service. This spring, a few of the speakers included Steve Saint, Dr. Mark Bailey, and Dr. Marshall Shelley. Steve is the son of the late missionary Nate Saint, while Dr. Bailey is president of Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Shelley is the editorial vice president for Christianity Today International. All of their messages are available for purchase at www.ThePath.fm.



Back to Business

Daniel Green '80 returned to campus in the spring as a featured speaker in the department of business administration's Distinguished Speaker Series. An accounting and biblical studies major at Cedarville, Dan is now regional vice president of land acquisition for KB Home in Florida, one of the nation's largest homebuilding companies. He told CU's business seniors what they as Christians can expect personally when they enter the business world. To a broader audience, he explained his line of business and how he came to be where he is today. Daniel (far right) returned to campus in May for his son Joel's graduation.



Students Choose Faculty and Staff Members of the Year

Students recently selected faculty and staff members of the year. Teresa Cooper Clark '75, associate professor of exercise and sport science, was the students' choice for faculty member of the year. Student Academic Advisory Board president Stacey Hennessy '07 explained, "She is a professor who teaches with passion and motivates students to learn." Teresa has been on the Cedarville faculty since 1996 and is the former coach of the Cedarville University women's volleyball team.

Door hardware specialist Larry Reid was named staff member of the year. Caretaker of the 6,000 doors on campus, Larry is well known among students for his friendly spirit and sense of humor. Supervisors say that character is Larry's defining quality. Larry, who came to Cedarville in 2000, has shown his genuine heart for people not only through his hard work, but also through his involvement in campus life, singing in chapel on several occasions.

Nationally Ranked ... Again

In the last four years, the Cedarville University Debate Team has been advancing through the upper ranks of the National Parliamentary Debate Association, which boasts 350 top debate programs. This year's team has continued the tradition of national prominence. The team finished the season in 11th place in the NPDA, improving on their previous rankings of 14th in 2006, 40th in 2005, and 72nd in 2004. The ranking follows another dynamic Cedarville debate season, which included three first-place wins and one second-place finish.

Meanwhile, the Cedarville University Forensics Team traveled to Berry College in Rome, Georgia recently for the national speech tournament of the National Forensics Association. Nearly 75 teams from across the country competed in this five-day tournament. Cedarville's team placed eighth in the President's I Division and 20th overall. Karen Williams '08 vied against 180 other students in the impromptu speaking category and took fifth in the nation. She is the second student in Cedarville's history to advance to the finals at nationals.

Track and Field Teams Perform at NCCAA Outdoor Championships

The Cedarville University women's track and field team won the NCCAA Outdoor Championships at Taylor University in May, while the men's team came in a close second to Malone, finishing just one point behind. This marks the Lady Jackets' eighth NCCAA title.

At the outdoor championship, Courtney Reid '08 was a double winner, taking the 100-meter hurdles for the second straight year with a time of 15.01 seconds. She also won the 400-meter hurdles in 1:02.04. Sarah Ensslen '07 registered her third consecutive triple jump victory with a leap of 39' 11.50", while Elisabeth Pyles '09 repeated as the 3,000-meter steeplechase champion in 11:08.94.

The men had a trio of individual champions. Jason Scott '07 won his second straight pole vault title by clearing 17'. Ben Michaud '09 repeated as the shot put champion with a heave of 54' 9.50", while Kevin Kuhn '09 was a repeat winner in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:32.77.



Senior Honored as Social Work Student of the Year

The National Association of Social Workers recently selected Melanie Beatty '07 as Student of the Year for their Dayton chapter, an honor that reflects Melanie's dedication to serving those around her.

Melanie interned at Project Woman in the Dayton area, assisting victims of domestic abuse and working as a child advocate. She led Cedarville students in a project on North Korean refugees, which culminated in a presentation at the Ohio Association of Social Work Educators Conference. A large part of her time was also spent at her senior internship with Graceworks Lutheran Services, where she assisted with adoption placements. But the impact of Melanie's service has not been limited to Ohio. She has participated in other social work projects in Chicago, New York City, and Calcutta, India.

While Melanie does not yet know exactly what her future holds, she does hope to continue working with children and families, eventually going overseas to serve. She plans to pursue a master's degree in social work in the near future.



Saving at the Pump

With gas prices on the rise, the pressure to find alternative fuels and improve fuel economy just keeps increasing. To encourage creative research on these issues, Shell held its Shell Eco-marathon Americas competition in April to see which engineering students could come up with the best "supermileage" on their self-designed and self-built vehicles.

Ready for the challenge, 10 Cedarville engineering students and their advisor headed to California for the competition. The Cedarville students had designed and built three sleek cars, all made to run on high-octane fuel. Cedarville was the only school to enter three cars, and on their first runs, all three broke the Cedarville supermileage record set in 1995.

In competition against schools such as California Polytechnic, Rose-Hulman, Purdue, and Penn State, Cedarville University's best-placing car took fourth place, attaining 1,135.3 miles per gallon. To put this into perspective, the car could have driven to California on less than two gallons of gas!



CU Business Students Win SIFE Regionals

Taxes, cookies, and hotels. This unlikely combination helped Cedarville University's Students in Free Enterprise chapter win the regional SIFE tournament in the spring.

SIFE teams develop and carry out community service projects that cover real-world economic issues. At SIFE competitions, each team presents their projects to a panel of business leaders. Cedarville's winning finish was based in part on their work to create and run an elementary school business program, aid a local hotel with business practices, and organize tax seminars for college students.

The elementary school program, named "Ready, Sell, Dough," helped fourth and fifth graders create a cookie company and learn how to finance and organize their business while manufacturing and marketing a product. The Hearthstone Inn in Cedarville was also a recipient of the SIFE team's help. Five SIFE members worked with the owners in writing a training manual, job application, job descriptions, and procedures for the business. The SIFE team also partnered with CU's Accounting Society to host Tax Days on March 24 and 25. Charles Hartman, associate professor of business law and accounting, led the seminars as a tax specialist.

2007 Alumni Scholarship Recipients



Back row, from left:
David Peterson, Robert Gole,
Christopher Byus
Middle row: Ryan Short,
Kevin Gulley, Hillary Simpson
Front row: Mark Miller, Claire
Kaemmerling, Karen Williams,
Kati Yosinski, Xiaoying Ma

Athletic Training — Hannah Haynes

A senior athletic training major from Claremont, New Hampshire, Hannah serves on the Student Academic Advisory Board and plans to pursue graduate studies in athletic training.

"Thank you, alumni, for providing this scholarship for me. It is a huge help and encouragement. Thank you for your generosity to the students!"

Biblical Education — Mark Miller

Mark is a junior from Chesterland, Ohio majoring in presemenary Bible and philosophy. He is involved with the debate team, Tau Delta Kappa (an honors organization), and the Wright State University evangelism team. After college, he plans to attend seminary and become involved in full-time ministry.

"Thank you for your support of God's work at Cedarville. Your contributions are an immense blessing to me as I train at Cedarville in preparation for ministry. Thank you for sharing God's blessings in your life and being a blessing to others in the process."

Business Administration — Robert Gole

A senior majoring in finance, Robert came to Cedarville from Hyattstown, Maryland. He serves as treasurer of Delta Mu Delta and is also involved in intramural sports. Robert plans to attend graduate school to obtain his M.B.A.

"Cedarville alumni, I am honored to be selected for this scholarship. I will strive to use all of my schooling to glorify God and to maintain the reputation of the University. Thank you for the concern and love that you show to students here at the 'Ville."

Communication Arts — David Peterson

David, a senior electronic media major from Bradford, Pennsylvania, is involved at student radio station U99.5 and in the children's ministry at a local church. In May, he was a member of the Bethesda Outreach MIS team. Next winter, he will begin an internship with Malone Advertising in Akron, Ohio.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to receive this year's alumni award, which was named in honor of Paul Gathany, former GM of CDR Radio. It was a blessing to have the chance to interact with such an amazing man who has done so much to further God's kingdom through radio ministry."

Education — Hillary Simpson

Hillary is a junior early childhood education major who makes the nearly one-hour commute to Cedarville each day from her hometown of Blanchester, Ohio. After she graduates, she hopes to earn her master's degree and teach at a Christian school.

"I would like to thank the alumni for being so gracious as to award me this scholarship. The scholarship means a great deal to my parents and me. Thank you so much for your investment in my life during this time of preparation for the service God is calling me to do."

Engineering — Christopher Byus

A senior mechanical engineering major from Troy, Missouri, Chris is involved in the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Students for Life. He was recently married and plans to work in the automotive industry after graduation.

"I am extremely grateful for all of the contributions from Cedarville alumni that have funded this award. I got married recently and, as you can imagine, money is tight for the upcoming year. This scholarship will help to provide for my wife and me."

Exercise and Sport Science — Ryan Short

A member of the men's basketball team and a staff writer for Cedars, Ryan plans to apply to medical school. This senior exercise science major is from Springfield, Ohio.

"Being awarded the Alumni Scholarship is a great honor and responsibility. It is challenging to think that people who not too long ago were students just like me care enough to give their own money so that current students can fulfill their educational goals. The generous alumni who make these scholarships possible exemplify brotherhood and sisterhood within the body of Christ and within the Cedarville family."

Language and Literature — Claire Kaemmerling

A senior English major from Fort Worth, Texas, Claire is involved in the Icarus Collective (a poetry organization) and the Language and Literature Student Advisory Board. She also serves as advertising manager for Cedars. After graduation, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in creative writing and teach at the college level while pursuing a freelance career.

"I am so very grateful to all of the alumni for making this scholarship possible. This award has encouraged me as I press on in my studies. Thank you for your generosity and the investment you make in Cedarville University students."

Music and Art — Matthew Ross Miller

Matt, a senior majoring in music and presemenary Bible, is involved in brass choir and symphonic Band. The West Chester, Ohio native plans to attend seminary after graduation.

"I would like to thank the alumni for this scholarship. I appreciate your willingness to help students pay for school."

Nursing — Xiaoying Ma

Xiaoying is a senior nursing student, originally from China but with an adopted hometown of Columbus, Ohio. She volunteers at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield and is considering pursuing her master's degree after she becomes a registered nurse.

"I want to say thank you to the alumni, and especially Dr. Alyn, for awarding me with this scholarship. I appreciate your commitment to Cedarville and your dedication to the students. Thank you again for the encouragement this award has been to me."

Psychology — Kati Yosinski

A senior psychology major from Colorado Springs, Colorado, Kati is a member of the Student Academic Advisory Board, mentors at the Greene County Residential Treatment Center, and participates in an after-school ministry for junior-high girls. Kati is getting married next year and plans to pursue her master's degree (and possibly doctorate) in counseling.

"I'd like to use this opportunity to thank the alumni who generously provided this scholarship. Your selflessness and your dedication to Cedarville University are greatly appreciated and have encouraged me in my own pursuit of God's glory via psychological studies."

Science and Mathematics — Kevin Gulley

A senior biology major from Wheelersburg, Ohio, Kevin is involved in Delta Omega Epsilon, Cedarville Ambassadors, and the Wilmington Hispanic Outreach. During his sophomore year, he participated in the New Orleans hurricane relief trip. After graduation, he plans to attend medical school.

"Thanks to all of the alumni who are willing to invest in the lives of current Cedarville students. I am so grateful for your support and encouragement, and for helping me to continue my education here at Cedarville."

Social Sciences and History — Karen Williams

Karen, a senior international studies and political science major from Midlothian, Virginia, is a member of the varsity forensics speech team, participates in Model United Nations, and is a tutor at the Writing Center. After graduation, she plans to work overseas with a Christian nonprofit organization. Her desire is to work with a Muslim community somewhere in Africa or the Middle East.

"Thank you so much, alumni, for providing this scholarship. I greatly appreciate your encouragement and support. Thank you for your investment!"

John W. Bickett Heritage Alumni Scholarship Recipients



Back row, from left: Pete Kraus, Craig Houser, Justin Dodson
Front row: Adam Sheldon, Jason Zastrow, James McClenahan, Jonathan Lawler

Justin Dodson

Justin, a senior presemenary Bible major from Hadley, Pennsylvania, is involved in several ministries and organizations, including Theta Ro Epsilon (a men's service and accountability organization) and SGA. After graduation, he plans to attend Dallas Theological Seminary and feels the Lord leading him to the mission field.

"I just want to say thank you so much for being faithful in giving toward this scholarship, as it has been a huge blessing in looking at next year. I know without a doubt that you give because you care, and I know that God will honor that in your life as well as mine. May we praise God together for blessing us through His hand of provision. And thank you for being faithful to Him so that we may all benefit, and so that He can get the praise!"

Craig Houser

Youth ministry and Christian education major Craig Houser will serve as the 2007-08 SGA chaplain. The senior, a native of Perkasio, Pennsylvania, has been involved at Dayton Avenue Baptist Church as well as the Dayton Gospel Mission. He plans to attend seminary after graduation.

"Thank you so much, Cedarville alumni, for graciously providing me with this scholarship! I praise God for His provision and how much of an encouragement you have been. Thanks again for your support and continuous passion for helping Cedarville students."

Charles "Pete" Kraus

A senior presemenary Bible major from Gahanna, Ohio, Pete is a member of the Cedarville University baseball team. He plans to attend Southern Seminary after graduation next spring.

"I want to say thank you to the alumni for giving money so that I could receive this scholarship. This scholarship truly is a blessing to my family and me. Thank you again for helping me continue my education at Cedarville."

Jonathan Lawler

Jonathan is a senior majoring in presemenary Bible and psychology. He has been actively involved at Northside Baptist Church in Lebanon, Ohio since arriving at Cedarville from his hometown of Indianapolis. After graduation, he plans to attend seminary to pursue either a master's in counseling or a master of divinity degree.

"I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for the many alumni who have given to Cedarville as they were able. Your generosity will greatly benefit me in reducing the cost of education, which in turn will make it possible to better cover the cost of continued education at seminary. May God bless you just as He has blessed me through your gift."

James McClenahan

James is a senior presemenary Bible major from Newton, Kansas. He serves as a team leader for The Master's Puppets and, after graduation, hopes to be part of Cedarville's ERAP team for teaching in China. He would like to become a high school Bible teacher.

"This award was such a blessing to me, and is another testimony to God's faithfulness in providing my needs for college. I sincerely appreciate this gift, as an expression of the generosity of past alumni who are still committed to the ministry of Cedarville University. Thank you so much!"

Adam Sheldon

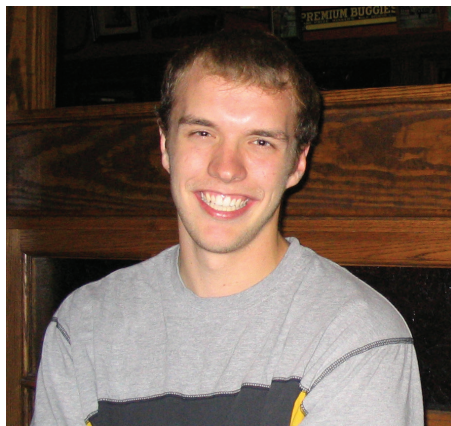
A native of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, Adam is a senior majoring in youth ministries and Christian education. After college, he would like to pursue graduate studies in Christian education.

"It is indeed an honor to receive this award from alumni. Thank you for all that you do for us students here at Cedarville. The award has encouraged me to keep working hard to develop skills for ministry so that God's kingdom can be furthered."

Jason Zastrow

A senior presemenary Bible major, Jason participates in the Intercollegiate Council, Amplified, and the Jeremiah Project. The native of Miamisburg, Ohio plans to attend Dallas Theological Seminary to study Bible translation and become a missionary to areas without the gospel.

"Thank you so much for the honor of being named a John W. Bickett Scholarship recipient. I would like to thank the Cedarville University alumni, faculty, and staff for your recognition of this reward. The scholarship has been a great motivation in my educational experience."



Class of 2007 — Jonathan Taylor (J.T.) Honorary Scholarship

The Class of 2007 introduced a financial aid award as its class gift. The "Class of 2007 — Jonathan Taylor (J.T.) Honorary Scholarship" is in honor of Jonathan Taylor '07, who suffered a heart attack in the fall and is now in a minimally conscious state. The seniors and their parents have raised more than \$35,000 for this endowed, student-initiated award. The scholarship will be presented to Cedarville students who exhibit excellence and spiritual maturity in their leadership, service, and academics.

A Purpose for the Purposeless



“Unfortunately, people do not have a lot of sympathy for American teenagers whom they see as spoiled. It’s much easier to love the poor in Mozambique. But we have a responsibility to help in our own neighborhoods.”

AS WITH MOST GREAT IDEAS, it started with a moment of inspiration. For Tom Walkley '82, it originated in God's declaration in Job 41:11 — “Who has given to Me that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.”

“This verse inspired me in a couple of ways,” Tom says. “First, that God has an attitude, and second — as it relates to children — that this is a foundational teaching for parents. We need to teach our children the idea of accountability.”

The result? Cafe 41:11 (www.cafe4111.org), a nonprofit version of Starbucks, dedicated to reaching out to local youth.

Tom couldn't have known when he purchased a piece of property across from a public high school 20 years ago that God had far greater plans than the law practice he intended it for. Twelve years later, the Lord called him to surrender the land and the building and turn it into a coffee shop that ministers to young people.

Of course, getting the building was the easy part. Touching hearts and lives promised to be more complicated. But Tom wasn't approaching the project without a plan.

“If you're going to reach the young people of this generation,” he says, “you have to use a form of authoritative community. Because of divorce and family breakdown, our culture has lost a sense of fear of the Lord. Parents don't have the same authority they once did.”

In the midst of his work among young people, Tom realized his outreach needed to touch the poor. But he had to ask himself: How does one recognize the suburban poor? He quickly discovered an enormous number of homeless people living in suburban neighborhoods — unstable, transient individuals who seemed to float around their communities without a place to land. These were the young people with whom Cafe 41:11 connected. “We gave them a place in the community where they know they have someone to talk to — a place to belong,” Tom explains.

Providing a safe haven where teenagers could relax and enjoy a sense of belonging was step one in making the ministry successful. The next step was for the staff at Cafe 41:11 to work on the youths' behavior — often a result of fractured homes and difficult circumstances.

“Because of brokenness, they have missed a valuable piece of imprinting, especially as it relates to a work ethic. We can't assume they've been taught such a vital aspect of life.” The next step, therefore, is a values-based job-mentoring program. This aspect of the ministry — a for-profit business called Topia Place (www.topiaplace.com) — offers internships for business and ministry jobs, as well as on-the-job training in the culinary and performing arts.

Finally, but most importantly, the cafe seeks to answer the spiritual needs of the young people who come. Tom considers it a sort of “pre-evangelism”: connecting with each person individually and giving them time to get used to the idea that they are among passionately dedicated Christians. As a result, they are blessed to be able to lead many of the cafe’s “customers” to Christ.

“The main thing Cedarville University taught me was responsible Christianity,” Tom says, “and to be a shepherding influence in the marketplace. That had a foundational influence on what I’m doing today.”

A 1982 graduate of Cedarville, Tom also has two children who received their degrees at the University and another child who is currently attending. That has given him a better idea of where today’s young people are coming from.

“They don’t want to get stuck in the liturgical, high church model. They want a more balanced faith.” Tom adds, “They’re not buying into materialism and want to hold onto Christian dignity. I like seeing young people wanting to be authentic.”

His efforts are growing. Besides having three cafe locations in Ohio, he is in the final stages of completing a restaurant. The first Crumby’s Bread Company will open in Norton, Ohio in August. Besides providing jobs for young people, he sees it as a means of bringing in money for various missions. Tom also hopes it will put a new face on the church, restoring credibility and making it relevant for today.

Church involvement is highly important to the success of Cafe 41:11. About 50 churches are currently participating in the work, making it interdenominational as well as multigenerational. Volunteers range from 16 to 85 years old. “This is a training facility for the church to reach outside of the church building,” Tom explains. “It’s a challenge because we’re working with a lot of young people who are, though I hate to say it, going nowhere.”

Tom continued, “Unfortunately, people do not have a lot of sympathy for American teenagers whom they see as spoiled. It’s much easier to love the poor in Mozambique. But we have a responsibility to help in our own neighborhoods.”

Because the cafe is a ministry, there is no charge for products or services. The website states: “Essentially, we put



ourselves in a position that we couldn’t get out of without putting our faith into action and trusting the Lord. In a very direct sense it was a ‘put up or shut up’ scenario.”

Tom chooses every day to trust the Lord with each new aspect of the ministry he has been called to — a ministry that is growing and changing on a regular basis. But one thing remains constant: Tom’s desire to give young people a sense of community, to instruct them toward adulthood, and to guide them toward biblical truth ... and a relationship with Jesus Christ. ■



Tom ’82 and Beth Walkley live in Norton, Ohio. They have five children Sarah ’99, Ben ’03, Lydia, Elizabeth ’09, and Lily. Tom is a licensed attorney working full time on the development of Topia Ltd. Beth is a homemaker and serves as a volunteer and trustee for Cafe 41:11. To learn more about their ministries, visit www.cafe4111.org and www.topiaplace.com. To contact them directly, call 330-706-9467 or e-mail topia4050@aol.com.

A Different Kind of Lion's Den



Greg shares that his goal is not just to offer young people a “nice workout room” or “a cool place to go online.” Instead, his mission is to create a safe place for teens to encounter Christ.

FEW PEOPLE WOULD RELISH being thrown into a lion's den. Just ask Daniel. As a Jewish leader in a foreign government, he was subjected to the dangers of the lion's den. Yet instead of finding destruction, he found — through the power of God's mighty hand — a place of great safety and refuge.

There are areas of our country that are similar to lions' dens: our inner cities. This is where Greg Dyson '98 has been called to minister. It is here, in the inner city of Springfield, Massachusetts, that Greg is establishing a “different kind of lion's den”: one where youth will find, like Daniel, a place of refuge and safety in a world too often filled with peril.

Greg's “Lion's Den” is an outreach center designed to reach unchurched youth with the truth of Jesus Christ. As founder and executive director of The Lion's Den, Greg sees this ministry as a trauma unit for students in the inner city. In 1987, due to renovation on the church building, Greg's small youth group moved its weekly meeting to a downtown section of the city. Meeting right in the middle of the city, young people began to come, and soon average attendance grew from six to 126 teens! Greg shares, “As long as we remained in the city, we had involvement and impact on their lives.” With this experience, the idea for The Lion's Den was born.

Greg is passionate about reaching inner-city youth. He feels strongly that these young people need trained adults who are committed to making a difference in the inner city. It was this desire for training that led Greg and his wife Gina to Cedarville in 1995.

While Greg was at Cedarville, the Lord opened many doors for ministry, giving Greg opportunities to apply the truths he was learning. Now, as minister of Christian education at Church in the Acres, a Baptist church in Springfield, and as executive director of The Lion's Den, Greg is using his education to reach out to the hurting in the inner city.

Open Monday through Wednesday in the afternoon and evening, The Lion's Den includes a coffee house, an Internet cafe with eight computers, a game room, and a workout room. Additionally, it will soon house a fully operational recording studio. A Bible study is held each afternoon, and Greg and a team of dedicated volunteers run a teen program on Monday nights and a program for children and girls on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Special events are hosted throughout the year, such as taking teens to a Celtics game, playing paintball, or going shopping. Currently, more than 50 teens come to the Den each week. Greg shares that his goal is not just to offer young people a “nice workout room” or “a cool place to go online.” Instead, his mission is to create a safe place for teens to encounter Christ. Greg feels strongly that if an aspect of the center, such as the workout room or Internet cafe, got in the way of that goal, it would have to go!

Although The Lion's Den has only been open since 2002, it has a rich history. While Greg's church knew it wanted him to spend 50% of his time focused on urban ministry, they had no place to have that happen. Yet God was at work in providing just the right place. Greg's mom had worked for a company in the inner city of Springfield 27 years ago. A strong woman of faith, Greg's mom had openly prayed for the owners of the company and their spouses and children. God had answered her prayers in exciting ways during her years employed there. When a friend from the church told



Greg about a two-story, 4,000-square-foot building up for sale, it “just happened” to be the very same building where his mom had worked! When approached about renting the building, the owner remembered Greg’s mom and her prayers on his behalf and how they had changed his life. Instead of renting the building to the church, the owner decided to sell them the building — which had been appraised for \$100,000 — for the mere sum of \$1. Clearly, God had opened a door for Greg to invest in urban ministry!

The building owner’s generosity has led to changed lives, like that of “Jason” (names have been changed to protect identities). He came to The Lion’s Den because he was chasing a girl. But when that girl — who was just in town to visit a relative — returned home, Jason continued to ride his bike three miles across town to come to the Den. One night during Bible study, the discussion dealt with evidence that there is a God. Jason said, “I know there is a God because I’ve lived in over 20 foster homes, and in every home the parents had a strong belief in Jesus!” One day while on a “friend trip” with The Lion’s Den leadership team, Jason clearly heard the gospel and accepted Christ as his personal Savior.

Greg could also tell you about “Luke,” who came to the Den to take revenge on someone he thought was there, only to meet two godly women who loved him and made him feel welcome. Their kindness drew him back again and again. What he didn’t know was that these two women were the aunt and the sister to the young man Luke wanted to hurt. When he found that out, he was moved — especially when he learned that they knew who he was all along. While Luke has yet to receive Christ, he

continues to visit the Den, giving opportunities for believers to build into his life. These few stories could be multiplied by countless young people who visit the Den on a regular basis.

While the Lord is using Greg in the inner city of Springfield, Massachusetts, there are other inner cities across our nation that have the same desperate needs. Greg reminds us that these lions’ dens need men and women on fire for Jesus Christ and serious about getting involved. His challenge to believers: “Go into these areas of need and do everything you can to make a difference for the cause of Christ!” In this way, believers can play a part in making these lions’ dens places of refuge and safety where God’s mighty power will be seen. ■



Greg '98 and his wife Gina '99 are celebrating 21 years of loving marriage. They have three children: Jessica (15), Miranda (10), and Michaela (4). Greg is a minister of Christian education, a college chaplain, and the executive director of The Lion’s Den Youth Outreach Center. You can learn more about their ministry at www.lionsdenoutreach.org and you can reach Greg and Gina directly at dysong2@lionsdenoutreach.org.

Alumni Review *re:View*



THE FIRST TIME YOU WATCH *re:View*, you'll know it's different.

Designed to be completely cutting-edge and relevant, *re:View* is Cedarville University's revolutionary worldview study for high school and college student ministries. The series captures students' attention through creative short films that are followed by engaging teaching segments led by Cedarville president Dr. Bill Brown. Through the study, designed to be presented in 7 or 13 weeks, students learn

how to discern the culture around them and engage it in a godly way.

Recently, *Inspire* had the opportunity to talk with two alumni couples who have used *re:View* with their student ministries: J.D. '85 and Karen Mathews Callan '85 used *re:View* at Calvary Baptist Church in Xenia, Ohio, and Aaron '02 and Teresa Adams Mahl '03 used the series at Patterson Park Church in Beavercreek, Ohio. They shared their experiences with the study and how their students responded.

Q: Why did you choose *re:View* for your student ministry?

Callan: We felt a Christian worldview study would be a great way to begin our youth group sessions after a late-summer break.

Mahl: In an ever-changing world, our students need to have the tools to know how to engage the culture. *re:View* provided those tools, and our students came away from the study equipped to view culture through the eyes of Christ.

Q: Describe the format of the study. How did you use *re:View* with your students?

Callan: The format was easy to use. We generally would show the film, discuss it with the teens, and then show Dr. Brown's teaching segment. Due to our half-hour study time, we only used the leader's guide with questions for them to answer and comments for discussion.

Q: What leader resources accompanied the worldview study?

Mahl: We used the website, www.re-films.com, but also found the DVDs, the director's comments, the music and movie reviews, and the message board helpful.

Q: How did you prepare for each lesson? How much time did it take?

Callan: We watched the film, the directorial comments, and the teaching segments. Using the teaching scripts, we added our own ideas/experiences to the lesson.

Mahl: We found preparation took about two hours per lesson.

Q: How did your students respond to *re:View*?

Callan: The teens were definitely into it! They looked forward to each film and discussion time.

Mahl: Our teens also really liked the films. The films challenged the students to think beyond the surface. They also enjoyed the exercises and the teaching segments from Dr. Brown.

Q: Could you share a specific example of how *re:View* made an impact with your students?

Callan: A couple of our teens shared recent experiences with peers who held the same worldview that we had studied. It was neat to see them enlightened a bit about why that person acted and said the things they said.

Mahl: Many students came away from the study saying they had always taken the "retreat" approach to culture. "Run far away from it because it's evil." They found through the study that they could use culture much like Paul used the culture in Athens to reach the masses with the gospel of Christ.

Q: What were the greatest benefits you saw from the study?

Callan: We felt our teens were very open with our discussion about how culture has an effect on them personally every day. And it was great to see them realizing that they can't and shouldn't run from culture, but that they can discern culture from the biblical worldview. It was also good to see those who had been sheltered from much of pop culture look at our opportunities to engage it and speak out for truth!

Mahl: Our students were challenged to think biblically about the world around them.

Q: Overall, what are some of *re:View*'s strengths?

Callan: *re:View* is very engaging and interesting, as well as real and pertinent to teens!

Mahl: We agree with the Callans — the material is relevant and entertaining. It is so full of timeless truth.

Q: If you had to describe *re:View* in one sentence, what would it be?

Callan: The *re:View* study is an effective teaching tool that teaches young people to discover various worldviews and engage our culture while discerning God's truth.

Mahl: Again, the study is relevant and also necessary for teens to hear and life changing.

Q: Would you recommend this study to others? Why?

Callan: We would definitely recommend the study — for all of the positives we shared above.

Mahl: The reality is that every student is a product of his or her culture. For too many years, Christians have run from culture or begun to look just like it. This study shows students the importance of knowing what to believe and why to believe it. It teaches students to engage rather than run or simply assimilate. ■



To learn more about using *re:View* with your group, visit www.re-films.com. Alumni who order *re:View* online can receive a 20% discount by entering "CUALUMNI" as the promotional code.

Scott has created a youth group filled with diversity, where any student walking through the door feels welcome and loved.



Changing Lives ... with MRI

SCOTT HETHERINGTON '92 BELIEVES in MRI — and he's using it to challenge and change the lives of junior high students. No, Scott is not a doctor. He's a youth pastor at Antioch Bible Church in Seattle, Washington. He loves kids and the Lord, and he sees MRI as foundational to empowering his youth to serve others.

From Bible clubs to serving at church, Scott is using the initialism "MRI" to train his youth to think beyond themselves. MRI stands for:

- M Move in
- R Relate
- I Invest

Scott is teaching students to move in and be a consistent presence in the life of a hurting person — a person who needs the Lord. He then challenges them to relate and build an authentic relationship with that person. As the relationship grows, he encourages youth to invest in a need in that person's life. The goal of MRI: to build a bridge to be able to share Christ. MRI is simply following the example of Christ. Scott shares, "To the lost, Jesus met felt, physical needs. He didn't just preach at them. He spoke of a New Law, one of forgiveness, salvation, and redemption." Scott wants his junior high youth to learn to do the same.

So where did his passion for ministering to youth begin? Scott cites his Christian ministry experience

from his Cedarville days as the beginning of his love for youth. For three years, Scott volunteered weekly at the Ohio Veterans' Children's Home in Xenia, working with troubled youth. After graduation in 1992, Scott moved to Montana, where he taught junior high physical education and health in the public school system for eight years. During the summers he worked at ClydeHurst Christian Ranch, where he met his wife, Ashley. In 2000, when offered a position at Antioch Bible Church in Seattle, Washington as pastor for junior high youth, he and his wife felt led to accept the challenge. Scott shares that in public schools he was limited in how much of his faith he could share. He could be a mentor to his students, but he could not give them the truth of God's Word that they were searching for. He felt that being a youth pastor would offer both worlds — mentoring young people and teaching God's Word. Now, he's finding the opportunities to be unlimited!

One method Scott is using to help his junior highers "move in" and be a consistent presence in the lives of hurting people is through Bible clubs. Held at a community center in a low-income housing facility, the youth group has hosted an eight-week Bible club for elementary students, a project that has allowed his group to relate to hurting people in the area. Scott shares that by being at the community center, they learned of a need that several girls had: they could not afford dresses for

their high school prom. Scott's church invested in these girls by helping them buy dresses and paying to get their hair done. Meeting this physical need opened doors of opportunity to share Christ, the One who can meet the deepest needs of the human heart.

While at the community center, the group also saw that many families were not able to afford a Thanksgiving meal. In response, the junior high group has filled an average of 85 food boxes each Thanksgiving for the past seven years. These boxes are distributed to families in need the weekend before Thanksgiving.

According to Scott, one of the best places for students to serve is in the church. He encourages his students to get involved in a specific ministry where they can begin to relate to others and invest their energy. With 75-80 students attending weekly, his youth have great potential to impact their church. Currently, 65% of his youth group serves in a church ministry.

For Scott, MRI has become more than a lesson plan for his youth group to follow. It is a lifestyle he personally feels called to model as well. Discovering that two of his youth group members were getting involved in inappropriate relationships through the Internet was an eye-opener for Scott that highlighted the dangers of online chat rooms. The discovery motivated Scott to receive training through the police department on Internet safety. He now ministers to parents and students by speaking on the topic. "Parents are often unaware of what their kids are doing [online]," he explains. "Youth today are both individualistic and pluralistic. They want to be in a community yet be an individual." The Internet offers them both. Scott calls many young people "screenagers": they learn information from screens, chatting with people "out there" but not engaging in authentic relationships. Seeing the danger of this, Scott has moved in to this arena of youth life, is relating to students, parents, and principals on this issue, and is investing his time and energy helping young people make wise choices while online. Through the process, Scott sees God opening doors of opportunity for him to be a voice for truth.

Because of Scott's passion for living life by the MRI principle, he has created an environment in his youth group where all are welcomed. Underlying MRI is the biblical belief that all people have inherent value and are worth relating to



and investing in. Scott has created a youth group filled with diversity, where any student walking through the door feels welcome and loved. Although his church has taken a very clear stance against homosexuality, Scott continues to have junior highers who are struggling with homosexuality attend week after week. Unserved students keep coming as well. Scott believes they come because they feel cared about in an authentic environment — one that exposes them to the truth.

Although serving as a youth pastor involves a "crazy, hard schedule" that takes Scott away from home many nights, he is committed to and energized by the task. Seeing his kids serve others, watching unsaved kids find new life in Christ, building a community where all students are welcomed, giving talks on Internet safety in an effort to protect young people — these keep Scott going. They are the MRIs of his life, giving him a voice in his community that he uses to share the truth. ■



On the staff of Antioch Bible Church in the Seattle area, Scott works with junior high and high school students as teacher, coach, mentor, advocate, and pastor. He is a frequent camp, retreat, workshop, and conference speaker as part of his "Truth 4 Youth" ministry. Scott and his wife Ashley have been married for 12 years and have three children. To learn more, e-mail shetherington@abchurch.org or call 425-284-2607.



Mission: “Youth in Asia”

JOHN SORRELL '02 KNOWS a thing or two about the impact of youth ministry. Growing up, he seldom attended church. When he reached junior high, a friend took interest in him and began inviting him to youth activities and eventually to camp, where he accepted Christ at age 14. “At the time I wanted to be a lawyer,” he says. “I never even considered doing anything else.” It’s been an interesting journey from that time to the present, however. John is now living and breathing youth ministry as the first full-time youth pastor in Beijing, China.

It’s clear that God began guiding John down this path back in high school. “During my senior year, I had the opportunity to be part of a trial case,” he recalls. “I was able to sit in the courtroom and everything. I began to understand that being an attorney wasn’t for me. At that point, I really started praying and seeking God’s will for my life.” John also prayed with his youth pastor about the many upcoming decisions in his life, including his college choice. “I don’t even remember how I found out about Cedarville,” he laughs. “I talked my parents into visiting with me, and my mom immediately fell in love with the school. Within an hour, she said I could go!”

A turning point for John came the summer after his senior year of high school when he participated in a mission trip to Mexico. That’s when God laid the passion for youth ministry on his heart. “I knew from then on that no matter where I am, I’ll be working with teenagers,” he remarked. “I love watching them be challenged and grow.”

John’s years at Cedarville as a youth ministries major were full of opportunities for him to learn and prepare for his current work. He was a resident assistant and served as president of Chi Delta Nu, the University’s youth ministry organization. He also participated in Getting Started and served on the planning committees for CedarMania, Junior Jam, Summer Previews, and the High School Leadership Conference.

In February of John’s sophomore year he had lunch with the pastor of Lebanon Evangelical Free Church in Lebanon, Ohio. The church was looking for a youth pastor, but at only 19, John wasn’t interested in the job. “I told them no at first,” he says. “But through God’s leading, I was voted in as youth pastor by Easter.” He spent the rest of his student

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career commuting between Cedarville and Lebanon to serve as full-time youth pastor at the church.

John planned to stay in his youth pastor position after graduation and attend seminary with the church's financial support. But once again, God had other plans in the works. He began planting a new desire in John's heart during a junior-year chapel focused on teaching opportunities in China. “It was the first year they were going to start teaching in Chinese high schools,” he remembers. “I had never considered reaching out to kids in that way.”

He started praying about the opportunity, with the support and added prayers of his church. “I prayed that if I was supposed to go, God wouldn't let the passion in my heart die,” he says. Throughout the next year, John got more and more excited about going to China and knew that it was the Lord's next step for his life. In December of his senior year at Cedarville, he was voted onto the China team. He has been living in Beijing full-time since August 2002.

During his first year in China, John learned that he did not have a gift for teaching English. “I hated it,” he admits. “I loved being here, loved working with students, but I was just not at home in the classroom.” He became involved in youth ministry at a fellowship for internationals in Beijing, first as a counselor for a weekend retreat, then as a leader, and finally as a co-director. He soon learned that the father of one of the youth group members was starting a new church in the city for diplomatic and business families. John wanted to become involved, so he stayed on the teaching team for another year, and soon after became the youth pastor at Capital Community Church. At the time he was voted in, he became the first full-time youth pastor in Beijing, a city of 15 million people.

It was a hard concept for John to wrap his mind around at first. “God brought me to China, but here I was, not working with any Chinese people,” he says. “I had to realize that there are 3,000 to 5,000 international kids within a few miles of my house whom I can reach. These are third-culture kids, and that can be a difficult thing to work through.”

John is also involved with Pioneer International, an organization that sends tent-making families throughout Asia. A few years ago, John attended a PI conference in Thailand, and by day three, he was running the youth portion of the event. “These kids are scattered all over the continent,” he explains. “For many, the annual conference is the only youth group they experience all year. They're amazing — the perfect youth group.” John keeps in touch with the kids online and now works with one of the families to lead “Worship and Intercession Training” treks into the Himalayas.

John's passion for reaching international kids in Asia seems to have no limit. Two years ago, he and his roommate decided to start a paintball company as a business venture and as a means for outreach. “There were only two paintball companies in all of Beijing,” John says. “They used low-quality equipment and charged very high prices. We brought our equipment in from the United States. We knew that providing a good product would be a great way to get to know more students.” John and Joe are also looking for some land to build a Christian youth camp and conference center — another potential first in China.

“God is doing some amazing things over here,” John states. “I plan to stay until God tells me it's time to leave. Beijing is a great home base for working with kids from all over Asia, and we're praying that God will lead more workers here.” To that end, he and a few others are spearheading a new organization they call “Youth in Asia.” “It's not a popular name with some,” he laughs, “but there is an element of dying to yourself to come here and serve. You give up a lot of comforts when you leave home to live here.” The mission of the organization is to bring young people with a passion for teens to Asia through internships — people who would traditionally take youth ministry positions in Western society. “There are so many teens here who just fall through the cracks,” John laments. “In a city of 15 million people, there are three organized youth groups, two full-time youth pastors, and 13 volunteer youth workers. It's a big contrast to back home in Lebanon, Ohio, a town with 14 full-time youth pastors.”

John asks other Cedarville alumni to join him in praying for Asia and for guidance in his ministries. “There are so many needs here,” he stresses. “I often ask myself how we can multiply this work. Kids are crying out for mentors. It reminds me of that passage in Matthew: the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” **I**



To learn more about internship opportunities in China through Youth in Asia, contact John at jsorange@gmail.com.

Students Take Life-Changing Holy Land Trips



A group near the Valley of the Kings and Queens, Egypt

EVERY CHRISTMAS, BELIEVERS THROUGHOUT the world celebrate the birth of Christ and reflect on the marvelous truth that God Himself broke into this world, adding humanity to Himself without detracting from His deity. God Himself walked and lived among us, and in His death He took our sins to Himself. God entered into our history in the most personal and unique way imaginable, and through His resurrection He changed the history of the human race forever. The Bible's writers clearly articulated the importance of God's promise to enter into human history and how He fulfilled His promise through Jesus Christ. The facts of the Christian faith are just that — historical facts and not myths, fantasies, or fairy tales. Indeed, the Christian faith as reflected in Scripture is rooted in history.

The Bible department's travel studies program began 12 years ago and was designed to help students understand biblical history by studying the Bible in the lands of the Bible. In recent years the program has been significantly refined through the leadership of Drs. Blumenstock and Hoffeditz as they have traveled tens of thousands of miles with hundreds of students over four continents. Traveling with students in Turkey, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Italy, and Greece, and visiting major museums in London, Paris, and Berlin, students have had the opportunity to see some of the major artifacts and sites that relate to the text of Scripture. The program has grown significantly, culminating in more students participating this year than in any previous year. Many times alumni and parents of students attend these trips.

LaVerne Dickey, who serves as coordinator for the office of travel study, works with each professor in making the trip become a reality. "Cedarville's longest-running program is the Bible course program offered through Jerusalem University College," she explains. "Sometimes it takes a few years to get a course established. Current offerings are literature, geology, international business, and Bible. Future plans include several courses from [the department of] language and literature, a history course, a

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technical writing course, and a few others.” She emphasizes that “these trips are not tours. Students spend several hours each day either in the classroom or at specific lecture sites.” LaVerne shares that “students come away with a greater appreciation of the Bible and of the people who live in Israel.”

This year nearly 70 Cedarville students and four Cedarville professors lived in the world of ancient, biblical history. From May 6 through June 2, these students and professors spent eight days in Jordan followed by eighteen days in Israel, walking and studying in the lands of the Bible. Drs. Greg Couser and Galen Smith accompanied Drs. Blumenstock and Hoffeditz in leading this tour. Each student received four semester credit-hours for their participation on the trip. The trip preparation entailed 40 hours of extensive map work, multiple academic preparatory sessions, five required pre-trip planning seminars, and three exams. In addition students were given the opportunity to take a biblical archaeology course prior to the trip.

Dr. Galen Smith, who has taught for 26 years in the business department at Cedarville and who holds advanced theology degrees, described his experience on the trip. “I agree with Dr. Blumenstock: traveling to the Holy Land is like ‘changing the black and white into Technicolor.’ The words of Scripture came alive for us to understand more fully. Just having the opportunity to walk the same part of the earth that Jesus, the disciples, and the Old Testament patriarchs walked changed the way I appreciate Scripture. It was like moving from radio to television, or even more so to a three-dimensional image! Equally important was the joy of being with brothers and sisters in Christ.”

When asked why every student should have the opportunity to experience studying the Bible in the Holy Land, Dr. Blumenstock (or “Dr. B.,” as he is affectionately known by his students) responded by encouraging student study in the Holy Land “so that their study of the Bible comes alive by taking the shape of the people and lands in which the drama of our redemption has taken place.” Dr. B. went on to say, “It was on my first trip to Israel that I learned the importance of international travel for students to Bible lands. There is no better reward for the work involved in setting up these trips than to see the eyes of the students light up as they see bricks made by the Hebrew children in Egypt, or the blue-glazed tiles that Daniel saw as he entered Babylon. Whether walking in the steps of Jesus, Paul, Moses, or Abraham, traveling the Bible lands is like having devotions with your feet. As the sole of your foot touches the ground, it awakens the significance of the text as the Bible describes the historical and geographical places where God intervened.”

Matt Roelli '08 attended a trip to Greece and Italy last year and also participated in this year's trip. “I would highly recommend a trip like this to anyone one who wants to experience and interact with the Bible in a whole different way,” Matt explained. “That’s why I went again this year!”

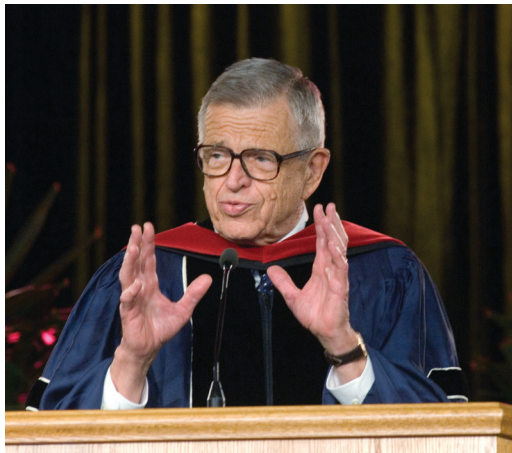
Conservative believers are committed to the historicity of the faith. When asked why a professor would spend countless hours preparing a trip in addition to their already demanding teaching schedules, Dr. Hoffeditz responded, “The amount of time and energy spent cannot compare to the joy of witnessing a student develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the Scriptures and deepen his or her commitment to the historical accuracy of the Word of God as a result of one of these trips.” These professors also noted that these trips afford students an opportunity to increase their awareness and appreciation of other cultures, to witness overseas ministries, to interact with faculty on an informal basis, and to develop lifelong friendships.

The biblical archeology tour for 2008 is tentatively scheduled to visit Egypt and Turkey. **I**



Matt Roelli (right) with a tour guide

Cedarville Celebrates 111th Commencement



On May 5, the University celebrated its 111th commencement, awarding degrees to 699 students — its largest class yet.

Chuck Colson, founder and chair of Prison Fellowship, offered graduates two words to remember: truth and courage. Dr. Colson told his audience, “The greatest single crisis in our world today . . . is that we have abandoned truth.” He explained that truth is knowable and absolute and exhorted the graduates to live with courage.

Three graduates were honored with the University’s most prestigious student award, the President’s Trophy, which recognizes community and campus involvement, leadership, ministry, athletic performance, and academic achievement. The 2007 recipients were Conrad Bear, a music major from Sugar Creek, Ohio; Kristi Beougher, a Christian education and youth ministries major from Louisville, Kentucky; and Emily Van Vliet, an electrical engineering and communication arts major from Rochester, Minnesota.

The Faculty Scholarship Award was presented to four graduates for maintaining perfect grade point averages throughout their college careers. The recipients were Joshua Blackburn, an electrical engineering major from Winfield, Illinois; Andrea Kneezel Costerisan, a nursing major from Decatur, Illinois; April Olson Gilfillen, an early childhood education major from Penfield, New York; and David Lindholm, a chemistry major from Burke, Virginia.

Also recognized was Louis Yaklich, who earned a bachelor of arts degree in history. An inspiring figure on campus, Louis has Friedrich’s ataxia, a disease of the central nervous system. Louis has pursued his degree for seven years with amazing courage and with the support of many along the way. How does Louis want Cedarville University to remember him? “As a devout follower of Jesus Christ,” he remarked. Best wishes and congratulations to Louis as he serves our Lord!





To send in updates for Alumnotes, mail them to Alumni Relations, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, Ohio 45314 or e-mail them to alumni@cedarville.edu. Photos submitted via e-mail must be at least 4x6 with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI. Additional instructions can be found at www.cedarville.edu/alumni.

1950s

Sam '56 and Ellen Smith Hornbrook '56 share that God has seen them through a challenging time in the Mexico church. They have needed and have sensed the faithful prayers of their friends. They are thankful for the dental outreach ministry and for the 15 new villages that have been reached with the gospel. Each of these villages has small congregations led by pastors who have received training through the Video Bible Institute.

1960s

Irene Benson '63 is on home assignment, staying with her mother in Portage, Indiana. She is encouraged by her faithful supporters and considers them important team members as Brazilians are reached for the Lord.

Elaine Schulte '68 serves the Lord with Bibles International in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has completed her part in the revision process of the Sango Bible, a Bible originally published in 1966 for the people of the Central African Republic.

1970s

Carl '73 and Rebecca Osterhouf Holz '75 will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on September 16, 2007. They are both retired from the army and reside in Lakeland, Florida. Carl is a disabled veteran, the result of injuries sustained during his military career, which included nearly three years in Vietnam, three years in Germany, and decades in the U.S. Becky was awarded a prestigious Secretary of the Army's Award. Carl has received the Silver Star, Bronze Star for valor, Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, and a total of 24 different medals and ribbons for service during war and peace, for valor and achievement, while enlisted and as a commissioned officer. They would like to hear from old friends (call 727-204-4483).

Judy Johnson '73 has achieved a lifetime dream by seeing her first book, *A Week to Pray About It*, published. After leaving a 14-year career in the library at Cedarville, she received her master's degree in theological studies from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in 1997. She is currently a freelance writer of educational materials and is working on her next book.

Howard Wolff '74 is battling cancer. Pray that he will be strong in his faith even when fear attacks him. Howie is a pastor in Tacoma, Washington.

Sharon Hopkins Bowman '77 is pleased to share that God is using *No More Tears in Heaven* to open discussions with young children about heaven. She wrote this book to comfort young hearts after losing a loved one. The gospel is presented in a simple way for four-year-olds to understand. It is her prayer that a copy of this book be in doctors' offices, hospitals, and Ronald McDonald Houses all over the country.

1980s

Shawn Taylor '80 was the keynote speaker at the Midwest Summit on Adoption and Orphan Relief held in Lancaster, Ohio on April 21, 2007. The theme of the conference was "The Body of Christ Caring for the Orphans of the Nations." Shawn is director of the International Adoption Clinic at Kentucky Children's Hospital and is a general pediatrician. For more information about the event, visit www.adoptionsummit.org.

John "J.R." Smith '82 was recently chosen to serve on the school advisory board of the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC). HESC is the New York state guarantee agency for federal student loans, as well as the administrator of the state's tuition assistance program. He is also the chairperson for Region II of the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association.

Aaron '85 and Anne Grasse Bowes '87 were encouraged this past winter by some new families that visited their church in Germany. They pray that God will open more doors for ministry and will give them favorable opportunities to present the gospel. Their daughter, Hanna, will be an incoming freshman at Cedarville in the fall.



Jane Romig Brooker '86 has received her master of business administration degree from the University of Findlay. She is in her 10th year as a business education teacher at Penns Valley High School in Spring Mills, Pennsylvania. Her husband, **Scott '86**, is an independent insurance claims adjuster and is the track and cross country coach at Penns Valley. Their son, Judson, is a sophomore at Cedarville, and their son, Matthew, is a high school sophomore. They also have a nine-year-old foster daughter, Sydni.

Nadine Terrill Hennesey '87 expresses her joy over the building the House of Laughter orphanage in Kosovo has been given for the next three years. This will allow them to be centrally located and expand so they can reach further into the community. Nadine is so thankful that God moved in the hearts of government officials by giving them the idea to offer the building.

Patrick Murphy '87 is a consulting manager for the business consultants and accountants team of SolomonEdwardsGroup. SEG is a leading professional services firm that provides expertise in accounting and finance. Patrick works in the Philadelphia office.

Dave '87 and Val Hite Smallman '85 share that their church in Bauru, Brazil celebrated its fifth anniversary in April. They are thankful for the faithful attendees and how God has allowed much to be accomplished for His glory. Please pray that the Lord would provide direction for Dave as he seeks out a new location for the church. Dave and Val feel blessed to have their children working beside them, loving the Lord, and not ashamed to serve God.



Linda Lons Stallard '87 and her husband, David, announce the birth of Devin on November 7, 2005. He was welcomed home by Derek (11) and Rachel (10) in Seville, Ohio.

Dan Leitch '88 received his doctorate in continuing education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in August 2006. He is a special education teacher in the College of Education at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. His wife, **Kathy Hardman Leitch '88**, homeschools their daughter Kristi (12) and has started a business as a clown. Daughter Sarah (19) attends Covenant College, and son Matt (17) is in the honors program at Appalachian State University.

1990s



Amy Robenolt '90 and Michael Bowker were married February 24, 2006, in Hamilton, New Jersey. They enjoyed a winter honeymoon in the

Poconos. Amy teaches third grade in the Greenwich Township School District, and Michael works for Simon & Schuster. The couple resides in Hamilton.



Brian Smith '90 has relocated to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he is the supply chain manager for Chevron Brazil. Brian and his wife, Michelle, have three children, Caleb (5), Benjamin (3), and Emily (1). The Smiths expect to be in Rio for four years.

Kelly Fath '91 recently taught a course on the Reformation at the Bible Institute in Moldova. He is very involved with an outreach program at his church in Romania called Missions Torch Europe. This program's goal is for mission team members to visit one church in each of the counties in the country.



Dennis Fuller '91 and his wife, Michele, announce the adoption of Kara from China. God providentially worked out the circumstances so they were matched with a girl from the same orphanage as their first daughter. She was welcomed home by her sister Lia (3) and brother Zachary (9).

Scott Jennings '91 is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Lake Crystal in Minnesota. He recently changed ministries from Newark Community Church in California, where he served as a student ministries pastor for nearly five years. Scott and his wife, Kim, have four children, Seth (11), Luke (8), Anna (7), and Sara (5).

Scott Latimer '92 is the pastor of Fall Creek Friends Church in Hillsboro, Ohio. He was the keynote speaker for a Martin Luther King Jr. tribute at Wilmington College in January.



Jeff '93 and Kelsey Perkins Entner '00 have a daughter, Annelise Ellen (1), who enjoys playing with her cousin, Grace Elliott (2). Grace is the daughter of Todd '95 and Dawn Merritt Entner '96. Both families reside in Beijing, China. The proud grandparents are Jim '61 and Esther Weiss Entner '61, Ralph '72 and Marsha Edwards Perkins '72, and Fred and Fanny Merritt.



Dave '93 and Ruth Bartholomew Kimmel '93 were appointed by Baptist Mid-Missions on July 27, 2006, to serve as missionaries. God has called them to northwest Romania to join the church-planting team. They will be focused on evangelism, discipleship, and outreach support. Dave, Ruth, Celeste (6), and Amber (4) live in West Chester, Ohio.



Tracy Quinn Woodward '93 and her husband, Doug, are moving in July from Indianapolis, Indiana to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where both will teach at the International School of Kuala Lumpur. Tracy will teach high school English and Doug will teach middle school technology. They have three children: Reeve (5), Gabi (3), and Rania (1).



Paul '94 and Lynda Gavitt Armour '96 announce the birth and adoption of Caleb Andrew. He was born December 29, 2005, and came home to stay on January 2, 2006. "Caleb" means "faithful," and he is truly a daily reminder of God's faithfulness to them. Paul works for Delphi Corporation in Rochester, New York and is pursuing a master's degree in engineering management science from the University of Dayton. Lynda works part-time from home for the University of Rochester and enjoys taking care of Caleb.

Susan Clark '94 announces the publication of her young adult novel, *And the Violin Cried*. The book is now available through online bookstores. If you are interested in scheduling a book reading or signing event, contact Susan at SusanClark@comcast.net.

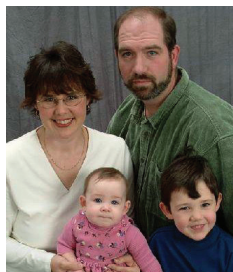
Nicki Silvera Freeman '94 and her husband, Guy, announce the birth of Chloe Dyana Mae on July 7, 2006. She is adored by her two older brothers, Kaleb and Jensen. The family faithfully serves the Lord in Toronto, where they recently were reminded that God is the God of miracles, due to the salvation of some contacts.



Joe '94 and Melanie Dawson Lausin '95 announce the birth of Timothy John. He was born June 18, 2006, and joins siblings Benjamin (6), Suzanna (4), and Elizabeth (2). Joe is self-employed, and Melanie enjoys staying home with the children in Thompson, Ohio.



Chris '94 and Melissa Davis Robertson '94 announce the birth of Rachel Joy on August 14, 2006. Her siblings, Caitlyn (5) and Micah (2), welcomed her home in Wauseon, Ohio. Chris is a systems analyst at Sauder Woodworking, and Melissa enjoys staying at home with the children.



Tina Mulanax Wessel '94 and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of Katelyn Rae on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Jake Hunter (2). They reside in Canton, Ohio, where Keith is a construction job superintendent, and Tina is a stay-at-home mom.



Brad '95 and Jill Aumsbaugh Graham '96 announce the birth of Brady Thomas on March 4, 2006. Big brother Carson (3) welcomed him home in Columbus, Ohio. Brad is vice president of investments at A.G. Edwards, and Jill enjoys staying at home with the boys.

Jennifer Kierstead '95 was recently named elementary principal at a school in Brazil. She has been a teacher at the school for eight years and was overwhelmed at the support she has received in this new position.



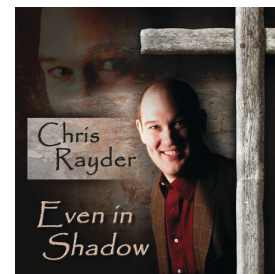
Phillip '95 and Melissa Macny Snyder '96 announce the birth of Emily Melissa on May 16, 2006. Big brother Nicholas (4) welcomed her home in Rochester, New York. Phillip is operations manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and Melissa enjoys staying at home with the children.



Jenna Cookley Hardy '96 and her husband, Scot, announce the birth of Chloe Phyllis on January 10, 2006. Jenna stays home with Chloe and her brother Sawyer (4) while Scot works for Forest Pharmaceuticals. They reside in Manchester, New Hampshire and are active members of Crossway Christian Church.



Peter Fiveland '96 and Joan Warner were married on May 27, 2006, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Several Cedarville alumni were in attendance, including best man Eric Fiveland '99, Brian '96 and Emily Williams Spencer '97, and Phil Boggs '97. Peter and Joan now live in Bloomfield, New Jersey. Peter works for WMCA 570 & 970 radio, and Joan works in the development office at Goodwill Rescue Mission in Newark, New Jersey.



Chris Rayder '96 recently recorded his debut album, *Even in Shadow*. His testimony, highlights of his life, and music samples can be found on his website, www.chrisrayder.com. He is scheduling an upcoming national tour of churches, schools, and prisons and is excited to see how Jesus Christ will use this album and tour solely for His honor and glory.

Making Abstinence Education Happen

Valerie Dell Huber '80 M.Ed. '07 is taking the lead on abstinence education. As executive director of the National Abstinence Education Association, Valerie reminds Congress that abstinence education should not be a political issue, but rather should be one that centers on the healthiest message for American children. Youth are listening, she notes, but they need adults to continue the abstinence initiative in Congress. And to that end, she says, "We need supporters of the message across the nation to join with us." To learn more about abstinence education, visit the NAEA website at www.abstinenceassociation.org.

CU Graduate's Work Revealed on NYSE



Kara Merrick '06, a Cedarville University graphic design major, recently saw her work on display at the New York Stock Exchange.

The recent graduate turned a summer internship into a

full-time position at Rule29, a strategic design firm near Chicago.

Within months of starting her job, Kara was asked to design banners for PowerShares, a large financial company. The designer who usually worked on the PowerShares account had a full plate, and the project was passed to Kara.

"Since PowerShares had strict standards," she says, "they gave it to the new girl, thinking she couldn't mess it up." Indeed, she did not. The large banners were noticed, even earning a story mention on MSNBC.



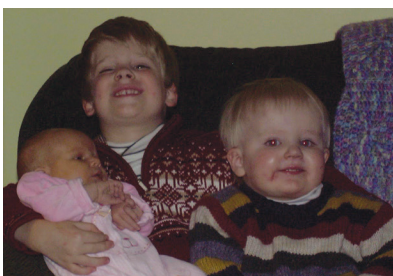
Stephanie Saville '96 graduated summa cum laude from Capital Bible Seminary with a master's degree in biblical studies. She served for two years as a missionary with TEAM in Bologna, Italy, where she produced multimedia presentations. She married Thomas Ahrens on March 25, 2006, in New Carrollton, Maryland. Tom, a graduate of the University of Maryland, is a mechanical engineer. Stephanie works in television in northern Virginia, where they reside. Tom and Stephanie are active members of McLean Bible Church.



Adria Andrews '97 and Howard Jones were married October 7, 2006, in Danville, Pennsylvania, where they now reside. Adria is a substitute teacher, and Howard is a farmer for Jones Family Farms.



David '97 and Joanna Hodson Butgereit '95 announce the birth of Michael James on January 28, 2007. He joins his sister, Lauren (4), at home in Xenia, Ohio.



Jen Ferris Larson '97 and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Annika Elizabeth on January 11, 2007. She was welcomed home by her brothers, Eric (5) and Alec (2), in Daleville, Virginia. Mike is the property manager for Total Action Against Poverty, and Jen is taking a break from nursing to be a stay-at-home mom.

Brad '97 and Andrea Linamen Nelson '01 announce the birth of Nicholas Austin. He was born April 15, 2006, and was welcomed home by his brother, Jacob (2). They reside in Columbus, Ohio, where Brad is a finance manager with Cardinal Health, and Andrea enjoys staying at home with the boys.



Jesse '97 and Kerry Allen Roberts '97 announce the birth of Alyssa Maria on August 25, 2006. She joins her three older brothers, Jacob (7), Daniel (5), and Joel (2), at their home in Cornish, New Hampshire.

Jeff '97 and Angela Boyce Saunders '97 announce the birth of Ethan William on March 30, 2007, in Kenya. His two sisters, Erica (6) and Emily (4), are excited to have a baby brother to hug and kiss. The family starts a five-month home assignment in July.

Michelle Shinaberry '97 received her professional counselor's license from the state of Ohio in November 2006. She is a school counselor for Marysville extended school district.

Jonathan '97 and Sarah Jenks Weber '97 have been serving the Lord in Belgium for almost one year. They are thankful that they continue to learn the language and pass the exams! Jonathan has started leading worship services in Dutch, and is thankful they have only had a few language glitches.



Bill Workman '97 and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of Vincent Douglas on January 31, 2007. Vince joins his brothers, Alex (3) and Justin (1), at home in Westerville, Ohio. The family is in transition at this time because Bill has been out of work. They are seeking God's direction in their lives as they pursue a full-time ministry position.



Aaron '98 and Jen Howell Berning '98 announce the birth of Ethan Lawrence on March 11, 2006, in Troy, Ohio. Aaron is a third grade teacher for Sidney City Schools, and Jen is tutoring individual students from home while caring for Ethan. They attend First Baptist Church in Troy, where Aaron serves on the deacon board and in Olympian Kids Club.



Ryan '98 and Ellen Burkhard '97 announce the birth of Micah James on November 6, 2006. He was welcomed home by Anna (5) and Sammy (3). Ryan is a mechanical engineer with Procter & Gamble, and Ellen loves staying at home with the kids. The family recently moved from Germany to West Chester, Ohio and can be reached at ryanandellen@yahoo.com.



Stephanie Dickerson Porter '98 and her husband, James, announce the birth of Laura Elizabeth on June 26, 2006. She was welcomed home by her older sister, Ashley Anne (2). James is a senior manager for Deloitte, and Stephanie enjoys staying at home with the girls. They reside in Mount Juliet, Tennessee.



Jill Townsend Fox '99 and her husband, Jamie, announce the birth of Jamison Christopher Fox II on January 22, 2007. They reside in Rochester Hills, Michigan, where Jill is a stay-at-home mom and Jamie is an engineer.



Nikki Chakalis Meraz '99 and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Luke Daniel on September 27, 2006. He joins his sister, Millie (2), in Chicago, Illinois.



Heather French Raab '99 and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Nathan Andrew Raab on November 27, 2006. They live in North East, Pennsylvania, where Jason is a children's pastor. Heather works part-time from home and loves being a stay-at-home mom.

Paula Rummel '99 serves as the special projects coordinator at the Armstrong County Community Foundation in Ohio. She is the primary contact for the early literacy initiative (Armstrong Books for Children) and will contribute to other projects that help build the capacity of nonprofits in the county.



Tim '99 and **Stephanie Friemel Webster '99** announce the birth of Brandt Cooper on October 21, 2006. Tim is a software trainer, and Stephanie works part-time as a documentation specialist. They reside in Cleveland, Ohio and attend Cuyahoga Valley Church.



Andy '99 and **Becky Crosson Ziegenfuss '99** announce the birth of Kate Elisabeth on June 10, 2006. She joins her sister, Elle Rebekah (2), in Liberty Township, Ohio. Andy is the discipleship pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Mason, Ohio, and Becky is a sales representative for Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals.

2000s



Tim '00 and **Kim Meadows Amstutz '01** announce the birth of Brooklyn Grace. She was born on September 23, 2006, and joins big brother Ryan (3) at home in Fairborn, Ohio. Tim is a sales engineer for Opex Corp., and Kim stays at home with the kids.



Peter '00 and **Rebecca Jordan Bednarek '99** announce the birth of John Boaz on July 4, 2006. Pete recently took a position as assistant principal and athletic director for Galway Central School in upstate New York after teaching eleventh grade English for six years. Becky works part-time for the Schenectady County Public Health Clinic and enjoys spending the rest of her time taking care of John.



Stacie Bennett Cox '00 and her husband, Gary, are expecting their first child together in July 2007. They were married on September 25, 2004. Both Gary and Stacie work for NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Stacie works in the engineering directorate and Gary works in the Orbiter Project office. They currently have two children, ages 14 and 12.

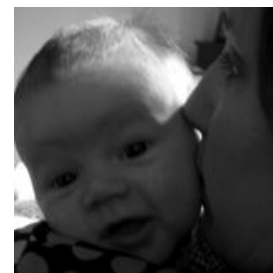
James Deaton '00 received his master of divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois on May 11, 2007.



Brandon '00 and **Pam Huls Luke '00** announce the birth of Maisie Lynn on August 22, 2006. She was welcomed home by her older sister, Analise Joy. Brandon is an engineer at Fasse Valves, and Pam is blessed to stay home with their two precious daughters. Brandon and Pam reside in Kearney, Nebraska and worship and serve at Kearney Evangelical Free Church.



Sam '01 and **Megan Earley Bryant '02** announce the birth of James Matthew on August 17, 2006. Sam serves as the associate pastor of youth and Christian education at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio. Megan now stays at home with James, having taught for four years at Emmanuel Christian Academy in Springfield.



Andy '01 and **Erin Burkhardt Gingrich '01** announce the birth of Luke Andrew on November 1, 2006. Luke was born in northern Virginia, where Andy and Erin reside. Andy completed his master's degree at Dallas Theological Seminary, and he is now the youth pastor at Providence Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia. Erin has the pleasure of staying at home with Luke.

An Unexpected Honor



Xenia police officer **Tim Roop '94** was surprised when his captain told him he needed to attend a 9 a.m. meeting. Informed that it was a breakfast meeting of the Greene County Children's Service Board, Tim assumed he had been asked to attend so that he could answer questions about being a school resource officer. Tim continued to sit through the breakfast waiting for the school resource discussion to take place. It wasn't until Greene County commissioner Rick Perales stood to present the Law Enforcement Advocate awards that Tim learned of the real reason for his attendance: he was to be honored by Greene County Children's Services as the 2006 Law Enforcement Personnel of the Year. For Tim the award came as a major — but pleasant — surprise!

The certificate presented to Tim at the breakfast honored him for "responding to the agency for family team meetings [by standing in] as a peace officer in difficult cases where the staff is concerned about the volatility of the family interactions." The certificate goes on to explain that Tim is often brought into these meetings "cold," yet he stays calm and shows an ease in adapting to very difficult situations that have powerful impacts on families' lives. Tim was nominated for the award by several workers from the Greene County Children's Service Board.



Jessica Stevenson Molyneux '01 and her husband, Andrew, reside in Toledo, Ohio with their three children, Madeline Lisby (3), Edward Andrew (2), and Clayton Aaron (1). Andrew is a quality manager and will complete his undergraduate degree from Liberty University this fall. They attend Mondova Road Baptist Church, where they are very active in ministries. They are seeking God's will as they prepare for full-time mission/ministry.

Lori Jane Turner '01 and Ondra Pavelka were married December 30, 2006, in Roanoke, Virginia. A second celebration was held two weeks later in Pribor, Czech Republic, the hometown of the groom. Lori teaches English and works part-time with Child Evangelism Fellowship, while Ondra is a student and runs his own Internet business. They reside in Pribor.



Lisa Ables '02 and Martin Colon were married February 10, 2007, at a private sunrise ceremony on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico. They reside in Huber Heights, Ohio.



Rebecca DeSantis Emmott '02 and her husband, Lukas, announce the birth of Ezekiel Whitcomb. He joins big sister Eliora at their home near Jamestown, New York. Lukas is a plumber, and Rebecca is a stay-at-home mom.

Glori Goheen '02 is the manager of the Essenhous Inn and Conference Center in Goshen, Indiana.



Rachel Frey Harshbarger '02 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of Abigail Grace on March 9, 2006. They reside in Scranton, Pennsylvania.



Bethany Keilman '02 and Jordan Braman were married April 22, 2006, in Allen Park, Michigan. The couple attends Bethesda Baptist Church and made their home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Jordan works as a firefighter for Superior Township Fire Department, and Bethany works as a nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Emergency Department in Ypsilanti.



Kim Levenson '02 and Todd Toven were married August 13, 2006, in the beautiful Colorado mountains near Genesee. They had their first child in June and are thankful for the blessings this busy year has brought. They reside in Castle Rock, Colorado.



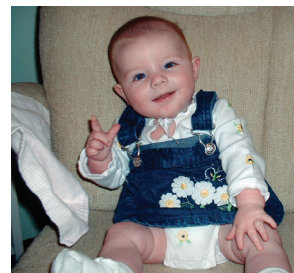
Eric '02 and **Erin Vallowe Mitchell '01** announce the birth of Cole Anthony on December 17, 2005. In June, Eric graduated from medical school. Eric teaches part-time and enjoys staying at home with Cole.



Timothy '02 and **Amanda Pilgrim Priano '02** announce the birth of Ryan George on January 18, 2007. Ryan was welcomed home by his older siblings Joey and Rebekah, 21 months old.



Jonathan '02 and **Amber Durbin Purdy '02** announce the births of their two sons: Ian Jack, born on January 27, 2005, and Peyton Andrew, born on October 25, 2006. Jonathan works on the family farm while Amber enjoys staying home with the boys. They reside in Woodstock, Ohio.



Eric Babson '03 and his wife, Lesley, announce the birth of Ava Janae on November 7, 2006. They currently reside in Wichita, Kansas, where Eric is stationed at McConnell AFB as a KC-135 pilot.

Ryan '03 and **Emily Pfeister Flunker '04** are excited that they are only one year away from full-time missions in the Bahamas on the island of Eleuthera. They were able to go to the island this spring and had a beneficial time with their missionary friends. Ryan is attending Dallas Theological Seminary, and Emily is a kindergarten teacher.

Julie Quinn Moore '03 and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Addison Grace on October 27, 2006. They reside in south Florida, where Julie teaches third grade at a public elementary school.



Devin T. Robinson '03 and his wife, Adeliz Rivera Padilla, announce the birth of Kerri Elizabeth on July 14, 2006. Devin is the media production supervisor at Creative Broadcast Concepts in Biddeford, Maine.



Tami Weber Cernetic '04 and her husband, Josh, announce the birth of Asher William on January 28, 2007. Josh owns a landscaping company, and Tami enjoys staying home with Asher. They reside in Xenia, Ohio.



Cory '04 and **Rebekah Clark Henwood '05** announce the birth of Katelyn Evelyn on March 6, 2007. They reside in Columbus, Mississippi, where Cory is a U.S. Air Force instructor pilot at Columbus Air Force Base.

Rachel Mahl '04 is the director of business development for Accent on Business, a voice and speech coaching firm for business leaders and associates. She had previously been the membership development director at Rainmakers Marketing Group, where she took the membership from 200 to 700 members in two years. She has now assumed the role of assistant vice president for Rainmakers along with her work for Accent on Business. Rachel resides in Fishers, Indiana.



Michael Ensslen '05 and **Heather Grier '06** were married July 22, 2006, in Paradise, Pennsylvania. They now reside in Baltimore, Maryland, where Heather is a third grade teacher and Michael is in a master's program at Johns Hopkins University.



Emily Cook '05 and **Scott Howes** were married on May 22, 2004, in Xenia, Ohio. They reside in Xenia.

An Amazing Church Presents Amazing Opportunities for Evangelism

Kevin Batista '03 is serving at Fellowship Church in Dallas, Texas as one of eight youth pastors preaching the gospel to more than 1,500 middle and high school students each week. "It's an amazing church," he remarked. "With a passion for evangelism and excellence, God is using Fellowship Church to aggressively pursue the hearts of thousands who are lost." The church is currently expanding to multiple locations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and Kevin has been asked to start a new student ministry at the downtown Dallas location. He and his wife, **Kimberly Wills Batista '02**, look forward to seeing God change many more lives through this new endeavor.



Andrew Smith '05 and **Becky Wells '06** were married May 13, 2006, at Gull Lake Ministries Chapel in Gull Lake, Michigan. They now reside in Kettering, Ohio. Andrew is employed by NCR in the tax department, and Becky is a nurse at Kettering Hospital.



Kyle Ferguson '06 and **Megan Heagy '06** were married November 25, 2006, at Grace Baptist Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They now live in Centerville, Ohio. Kyle teaches sixth grade math and science in Kings District, and Megan is a nurse at Miami Valley Hospital.

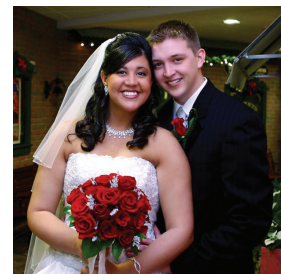


Kevin Hall '06 and **Bethany Butters '05** were married June 17, 2006 in Springboro, Ohio. Kevin attends The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and works as an assistant to Dr. Chuck Lawless, dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth. Bethany is a pediatric intensive care unit nurse at Kosair Children's Hospital. They reside in Louisville, Kentucky.



Jeremiah Stephens '06 and **Kimberly Feiler '07** were married January 6, 2007, in Warrington, Pennsylvania. They enjoyed a

honeymoon in Hawaii and have made their home in Crofton, Maryland. Jeremy is the youth director at Faith Community Church in Gambrills, Maryland, and Kim is a behavior technician for the school district's infant and toddler special education program.



Chad Viront '06 and **Richelle Clem '05** were married January 6, 2007, at First Baptist Church of Elkhart, Indiana. They had a wonderful honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico, and now live in Massillon, Ohio. Chad is the middle school youth pastor at Canton Baptist Temple. Richelle is a test administrator for GE and a high school volleyball coach.

In Memory

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of these dear loved ones.

Marge Lott Bodwell '42 went home to be with the Lord on February 12, 2007. She retired in 1978 after spending close to 30 years as a schoolteacher. Upon retiring she began restoring her ancestral home in Xenia, Ohio. Marge was very involved with Daughters of the American Revolution and enjoyed volunteering at the Greene County Historical Society.



D. Wayne Evans '50 went home to be with the Lord on January 13, 2007, in Rio Grande, Ohio after a battle with lung cancer. He was a Korean War veteran and spent many years as a school administrator. He became active in local affairs when he and his wife, Marjorie, retired.

Pat Howard '80 went home to be with the Lord on March 5, 2007.

He passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack in Hamilton, Ohio. Pat worked for WCDR in the early 1980s. He leaves behind **Christy Jane Rees '78** and their children, Jamie, Gabby, Cait, and Joe.

Recent Alumni Gatherings



March 3 — Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

While in the area for Spring Break, the student alumni organization, Delta Alpha Epsilon, met up with a number of alumni at a local restaurant. Many great CU memories were shared!



March 6 — Bonita Springs, Florida

Dr. Dixon and his wife, Pat, joined a group of alumni for dessert at a local restaurant. Dr. Dixon shared what he has been up to lately and what is new at CU.



March 9 — Orlando Chapter Event in Orlando, Florida

The Orlando Chapter hosted Dr. Brown for an evening of fellowship in the home of Lynne Smith West '96 and her husband, Jim. The guests enjoyed hearing from Dr. Brown what was going on back at campus.



April 16 — Miami Valley Chapter Event in Dayton, Ohio

The Miami Valley Chapter enjoyed a great night at the ballpark as they watched the CU baseball team play Indiana Wesleyan at Fifth Third Field (home of the Dayton Dragons). With over 400 guests, including alumni and their families, the evening was a hit!



May 19 — Colorado Chapter Event in Denver, Colorado

The Colorado Chapter spent a day of service with Open Door Ministries where alumni came to help with their 10-year anniversary celebration block party.

Alumni and Campus Events

Alumni Events

July 8

Chicago Chapter Event
Chicago, Illinois

July 17

ABWE Missionary Enrichment Conference Alumni Event
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

July 28

Colorado Chapter Event
Highlands Ranch, Colorado

August 4

Philadelphia Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown
Long Beach Island, New Jersey

August 11

Columbus Chapter Event
Columbus, Ohio

August 14

Indianapolis Chapter Event
Indianapolis, Indiana

September 13

Seattle Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown
Seattle, Washington

October 30

Washington Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown
Washington, D.C.

November 13

Grand Rapids Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown
Grand Rapids, Michigan

January 11, 2008

Cleveland Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown
Cleveland, Ohio

February 2, 2008

Raleigh Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown
Wake Forest, North Carolina

February 9, 2008

Orlando Chapter Event with Dr. Bill Brown
Lakeland, Florida

Campus Events

July 16-20

LIFT Youth Camp

August 17-18

Getting Started Weekend

August 20-23

Fall Bible Conference with Ron Hutchcraft

August 22

Instruction Begins



Chapter Focus

We are excited to announce the creation of Cedarville's Philadelphia Alumni Chapter! Please save the date for the first chapter event on Saturday, August 4. As a chapter, we will be sending off new and current CU students for the fall, so this would be a great way to support CU in the area.

The event will be held at the home of our chapter trustee, Al Stevens. His home is located on Long Beach Island in New Jersey. We realize that this may be quite a drive for some of you, but hope you will be able to join us as we savor the last days of summer on the shore. Dr. Bill Brown, president of Cedarville University, will be in attendance, so you won't want to miss this opportunity to interact with him.

Also, if you live in a chapter area and have a home that is conducive to entertaining guests, please let us know. Maybe the next event for your chapter could be held right in your home!

For more information about alumni chapters, please visit www.cedarville.edu/alumni/chapters.

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Dale Pinkley '99 (third from right) serves at Puna Congregational Christian Church in Keaau, Hawaii.

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